

XM offers the public a service far superior to commercial radio. It is similar to the improvements in content and quality that occurred some years ago with the advent of cable television.

Just as cable TV offers (and in some cases is required to offer) local-oriented programming, there is no reason to prevent XM from doing the same thing.

Services like news, weather and traffic are not money-makers for XM, but rather a service to its listeners.

I seems all NAB wants to do is try to force XM subscribers to leave the service for this essential information.

In the end, its all about listenership and money between business competitors. This is not an area where the FCC should become involved, as it has nothing to do with its public service mandate.